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For : METHOD FOR PLAYING A RECORDING MEDIUM

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 4, 2003, reconsideration and allowance of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the comments provided below.

**REMARKS**

Claims 5-9 remain pending in the above-referenced application and are submitted for the Examiner's reconsideration.

Claims 5-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by United States Patent No. 6,288,991 to Kajiyama et al. ("Kajiyama"). Kajiyama is directed to a playback system, implemented as a personal computer loaded with suitable software, that coordinates and integrates the playback of music from a music CD 101 and of related text and/or images from a separate CD-ROM 102. Column 8, lines 32-41; column 3, lines 34-40; column 12, lines 58-60. One exemplary use of this playback system is to coordinate the display of a song's lyrics, obtained from CD-ROM 102, with the playback of the song itself, reproduced from CD 101. Column 3, lines 38-40. Prior to executing this multimedia playback, the system must first perform an "automatic music CD identifying method" by which the